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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 12 noon.

Senate

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2011

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable HARRY REID, a Senator from the State of Nevada.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Lord God, You are our light and salvation. We will not fear. You protect us from dangers, seen and unseen. We will not be afraid.

You know the pressures and tensions that beset our Nation and the need for Your wisdom on Capitol Hill. Make all of us worthy of the high calling You have given us to be faithful stewards of the responsibilities before us to serve You and our country. Inspire our lawmakers to seek to serve, rather than being served, following Your example of humility and sacrifice.

We pray in Your sacred Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOE MANCHIN III led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. INOUE).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 16, 2011.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JOE MANCHIN III, a Senator from the State of West Virginia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

DANIEL K. INOUE,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MANCHIN thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Mr. President, following leader remarks, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each. There will be no votes today. The next vote will be on Monday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m.

We believe we will begin consideration of the trade adjustment assistance bill on Monday. We are working on procedures to get to that today.

We have a lot to do. Next Friday, we have to have a continuing resolution passed in this body. We had a good week this week. We were able to get the highway bill extended for 6 months, the Federal Aviation Administration for 4 months, and, of course, we were able to have that significant vote on

FEMA legislation so vitally important to our entire country. It is interesting to note that the President has had emergency declarations of disasters in 48 States. The Presiding Officer's is one of those that did not have one, as well as the State of Michigan.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—H.R. 2587

Mr. REID. Mr. President, H.R. 2587 is at the desk and is due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will read the bill by title for the second time.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 2587) to prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from ordering any employer to close, relocate, or transfer employment under any circumstance.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I would object to any further proceedings in regard to this matter at this time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard.

The bill will be placed on the calendar.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, today we pay tribute to the American men and women who traveled abroad to defend this great Nation but never returned home to our shores. We also honor those who have suffered as prisoners of war. We are grateful to them every day. Today, which is National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we dedicate our remembrance to their sacrifice.

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